

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION

COLUMBIA GAS TRANSMISSION, LLC,)	CASE NO. 1:21CV02192
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Plaintiff,)	JUDGE J. PHILIP CALABRESE
)	
v.)	MAGISTRATE JUDGE
)	WILLIAM H. BAUGHMAN, JR.
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MARK A. VAUGHAN, <i>et al.</i> ,)	<u>REPORT AND RECOMMEN-</u>
)	<u>DATION RE PARTIES' SET-</u>
Defendants.)	<u>TLEMENT DOCUMENTS</u>

The District Judge referred this matter to me for purposes of reviewing the parties' settlement documents and other related matters.¹ The parties requested this referral,² since I presided over an earlier mediation session that ended with the parties and their respective counsel moving towards a full resolution of this case.³ Their request for additional time to finalize settlement negotiations paid off. At the beginning of this week, they made a joint filing of the documents reflecting their proposed settlement.⁴

I have reviewed the parties' joint settlement documents in their entirety. I have also reviewed the principal documents underlying the claims and defenses in this case. With the additional benefit of having the discussions at the mediation session I conducted as a

¹ Non-document order, 3/7/22.

² Non-document minutes of proceedings, 3/7/22.

³ Non-document minutes of proceedings, 2/28/22.

⁴ ECF #19.

context to evaluate the parties' proposed settlement, I find that the parties' jointly proposed settlement presents a fair and complete resolution of all the claims brought in this case. I further find that the parties' jointly proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law accurately and completely reflect the pending claims and their full and final resolution; that the parties' settlement documents accurately and completely reflect that resolution; and that their jointly proposed judgment entry encompasses the terms of their proposed settlement, reflecting the complete and final disposition of this case with prejudice.

Accordingly, for the foregoing reasons, I recommend that the parties' jointly proposed settlement be accepted and that the jointly proposed judgment entry be formally entered on the docket to conclude this case.

Dated: March 25, 2022

s/ William H. Baughman, Jr.
United States Magistrate Judge

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